

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LISBON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0473  
INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA  
AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE  
AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 1866

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-4  
TAGS: PFOR PINS ENRG AO US  
SUBJECT: RENEWED FLEC THREAT TO GULF

REF: A) 76 LISBON 7888, B) LISBON A15

SUMMARY: FLEC, AGAIN, THREATENED TO DESTROY CABINDA GULF  
INSTALLATION UNLESS ASSISTED BY US OR GULF OIL.  
END SUMMARY.

1. CABINDA ENCLAVE LIBERATION FRONT (FLEC) REPRESENTATIVE  
PEDRO PUNA VISITED EMBASSY ON MAR 7. HE ADVISED EMBOFF  
THAT FLEC HAD REACHED FIRM DECISION TO DESTROY THE  
CABINDA GULF FACILITIES UNLESS HELP WAS FORTHCOMING  
FROM US OR GULF OIL ITSELF. FLEC REPRESENTATIVE VISITED  
LONDON RECENTLY TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION WITH GULF BUT  
FOUND NO RESIDENT OFFICIAL. PUNA REQUESTED THAT DEPT  
PASS MESSAGE TO GULF THAT FLEC WISHES TO SPEAK TO A  
HIGH-LEVEL GULF DELEGATION IN LISBON BY THE END OF  
MARCH. DELEGATION, HE STRESSED, SHOULD HAVE "FULL  
NEGOTIATING POWERS."

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2. EMBOFF REMINDED PUNA OF STANDING U.S. POLICY ON  
CABINDA AND ASKED PUNA WHETHER HE REMEMBERED US  
ATTITUDE TOWARDS PAST FLEC THREATS AGAINST US  
PROPERTY (REF A). PUNA SAID HE DID, BUT DID NOT  
BACK DOWN FROM HIS STATEMENTS.

3. IN ADDITION, PUNA MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- THE RECENT FLEC INCURSION INTO CONGO - BRAZZAVILLE WAS AIMED AT THE DESTRUCTION OF 122-MM MISSILE SITES THEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION; THE SITES WERE DESTROYED.

-- THE THREE FRENCH TECHNICIANS KIDNAPPED BY FLEC WERE "TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY." THEY WERE RELEASED UNDER THE SOLE CONDITION THAT AGENCE FRANCE - PRESSE PUBLICIZE THE CABINDAN SITUATION. AFP DID SO.

-- FLEC IS PLANNING ANOTHER PUNITIVE RAID AGAINST CONGO--BRAZZAVILLE. THE TARGET: PETROLEUM DUMPS NEAR BRAZZAVILLE. THE RAID IS IN RETALIATION FOR CUBAN USE OF LOCAL AIRBASES FOR MIG FIGHTER-BOMBER ATTACKS AGAINST FLEC.

-- FLEC IS CONFIDENT THAT ITS ATTACK AGAINST CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE WILL NOT TRIGGER RETALIATION BY THAT GOVERNMENT. THE POPULATION HAS NO DESIRE TO FIGHT FLEC.

-- CUBAN GENERAL DOMINGO RODRIGUEZ WAS KILLED IN A NOVEMBER AMBUSH BETWEEN CABINDA AND LUANDA.

-- STORIES OF ZAIREAN ARRESTS OF FLEC LEADERSHIP ARE ONLY RUMORS. PUNA HAS RECEIVED NO REPORTS OF THIS HAPPENING. PUNA SAID A SIGNED PROTOCOL EXISTS BETWEEN MOBOTU AND FLEC PRESIDENT N'ZITA IN WHICH MOBOTU PLEDGES FLEC HIS SUPPORT AND PROTECTION.

-- FLEC HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED A FEW HAND-CARRIED BELGIAN ANTI-TANK MISSILES. FLEC SOLDIERS ARE SCORING SPECTACULAR SUCCESSES WITH THESE WEAPONS.

-- TO A GREAT EXTENT, FLEC HAS REMAINED ACTIVE DUE TO PRIVATE DONATIONS. "FIVE WEALTHY FRENCHMEN HAVE GIVEN VIRTUALLY THEIR ENTIRE FORTUNES TO FLEC."

-- FLEC REPRESENTATIVES ARE STAYING AWAY FROM AMEMBASSY

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KINSHASA. DIRECT CONTACT IS CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE.  
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